

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it sufficient.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what exactly is meant by 'sufficient'?

PRESIDENT: Perhaps the first report was not sufficiently explanatory. The second report was expected to be more explanatory than the first.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Inspector of Fisheries has recommended that the Fisheries Department should be constituted as a separate department?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I have not got the details of the report here.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is it not one of the major recommendations of the report that the Fisheries Department should be separated from the Agricultural Department?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure of that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was the retention of the control of the Director of Agriculture over the Fisheries Department one of the recommendations contained in the report?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The report deals about the improvement of the Fisheries Department and not about the separation or amalgamation of it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the two reports are alternative or whether they supplement each other? (*Laughter.*)

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They supplement each other.

Rubber Quota.

37. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, in regard to the question of getting the quota of rubber for export from South India increased, whether any progress has been made since the Dewan addressed the members of the Legislature on 15th Makaram 1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government of India have been reminded of the matter.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): What was the date of the reminder?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About two or three months ago, reminder was sent to the Government of India. I am not now in a position to give the exact date.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether the Government read in the papers that the Committee has made certain alterations in the quota?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Which Committee?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): The International Rubber Committee.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I read some reports in the newspapers that the question of revision of quota was being considered and that there was likelihood of its being revised.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether the Government of Travancore will have any voice in that Committee before they arrive at any definite conclusion in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Travancore Government have already placed their views before the Government of India on this matter. I do not think that there is any necessity to make further representations.

PRESIDENT: Their voice has already gone there (*Laughter*.)

Import duty on coconut products.

38. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, in regard to the question of getting the import duty or tariff value of coconut products raised, whether any progress has been made since the Dewan addressed the members of the Legislature on the 15th Makaram 1110?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report of the Coconut Sub-Committee of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research on the subject is under the consideration of the Government of India.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know whether the decision of the Government of India will be final in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In a matter like this, their decision must be final.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): As far as the increase or decrease—

PRESIDENT: What is the matter you have in your mind, Mr. Varughese? (*Laughter*.)

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): What I want to know is whether the Government of Travancore will have any further voice before the India Government finally decides the question?

PRESIDENT: There should be some finality somewhere. Before the Government of India finally decide the question, they will consider the views of the Travancore Government also.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Torvala*): On a point of order, Sir. The member was all along speaking in Malayalam.

PRESIDENT: We will consider it next time he speaks: nobody need be bothered about it now.